

## "A VICTIM OF CIRCUMSTANCES" SAYS ZELAYA

### DEAD ELEPHANT PROVES TO BE A WHITE ONE

By Associated Press  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—With a freight bill of \$1,025 added to the purchase price at Cincinnati, of \$2,000, a huge elephant consigned to a local amusement park, arrived at the freight depot today, dead. The purchasers are now mourning the outlay on an unproductive subject. They are wondering if the freight bill cannot be avoided by declaring the beast as perishable freight. The elephant didn't take kindly to traveling, and sickened after a few days in the car. The animal was nursed and kept alive for several days and finally succumbed yesterday. The railroads, despite the appeals of the purchasers, insisted on the delivering of the many hundred pounds of dead elephant, demanding the full freight rates.

### CONTINUES TO PROTEST INNOCENCE AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN MEXICO

#### GUNBOAT SMITH FIGHTS DRAW WITH JACK BURNS

By Associated Press  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—"Gunboat" Smith, the sailor pugilist who is scheduled to become Jack Johnson's chief sparring partner when the negro goes into training for his fight with Jeffries, fought a twenty-round draw with Jack Burns of Salinas tonight. The battle involved the heavyweight championship of the Pacific coast. For the first twelve rounds Smith had all the better of the contest but after that Burns seemed to take on new life and fought Smith all over the ring.

#### Ex-President of Nicaragua Says the American Government Has Been Purposely Misinformed.

Is Not Altogether Pleased With Attitude of  
Knox—Says United States Marines  
Helped the Revolutionists  
on the Battlefield.

By Associated Press  
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 29.—"Mr. Knox isn't my judge and I'm answerable only to my government," Zelaya, who arrived this morning from Salina Cruz, thus replied to a question tonight as to the attitude he would assume should Knox seek to extradite him from this country. Zelaya refused to discuss such a probability, and strongly intimated the secretary of state wouldn't have the right to request his presence in the United States. "I've no feeling against the American people at large nor the government," he said. "Secretary Knox has been systematically misinformed, and the public opinion of the United States has been prepared against me, but I realize it must become known in time and it is to this time I trust my vindication."

Zelaya stated his relations with the preceding American government had been exceedingly friendly. Secretary Root, he stated, had complete confidence in the Central American republics and the policies of drawing the people closer together, both politically and commercially. He expressed fear in the attitude of Knox to undo all that work throughout Latin America. Zelaya said American marines had engaged in several recent battles and that twenty had been killed. He stated that four hundred Americans fought with the insurgents at Rama, and that bodies of twenty American marines were found after the battle at Colorado Junction November 1. All the Americans were from the gunboats anchored in the river which had been sent there to protect American interests. The official explanation was that these men were deserters.

Zelaya believes the confederation of all Central American republics can ultimately be brought about, and favors a central government for the new republic rather than a strong federal government, explaining that under the central

government the various states would preserve their identity, having officers to transact such general business as might concern Central America, and leaving each of the present republics more or less independent in the handling of its own interior affairs. Zelaya declared he had wired Washington his willingness to retire from the presidency and from politics altogether on December 20, 1907, if a confederation of the five Central American states could be brought about.

The immediate outlook for Central America, according to Zelaya, is a difficult prophecy, as the struggle between the present government and Estrada will probably reach a climax in a short time.

As yet no arrangements have been made for Zelaya to meet Diaz, though it is believed he will call on the chief executive of Mexico in the next few days and thank him for his kindness in permitting him to come to Mexico on the gunboat General Guerrero. Zelaya said he would not make any attempt to regain power in his country, but might return if asked to by the government when peace is restored. He says he desires to remain permanently out of politics, and live the rest of his days quietly. That he is the titular president of Nicaragua is his declaration made tonight, when he asserted he has two more years to serve but will not be actively at the head of the government.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Zelaya's statement that American marines participated in battles between the government troops and Nicaragua revolutionists was received tonight with amusement. No official statement has been made concerning the report but it is known there was not 400 marines on the east coast of the country and that on November 1, when the battle of Colorado Junction was fought, there were none at all. No desertions are reported from the American vessels.

#### NEW TARIFF BILL FOR FRANCE IS PASSED

By Associated Press  
PARIS, Dec. 29.—The chamber of deputies today passed the tariff bill by a vote of 365 to 42 after a protracted discussion. The passing of the bill represents the high protectionists and tariff commission. Although an enacting clause puts the new tariff in force on March 31, 1910, it is probable the bill will not be adopted until later in the year. Chairman Clotz of the tariff commission stated on the closing of his speech that the bill was designed only to protect the interests of France and was in no way aimed at any foreign country.

#### EPIDEMIC OF TYPHOID FEVER IN MONTREAL

By Associated Press  
MONTREAL, Dec. 29.—It is estimated that five out of every 1000 persons in Montreal is ill of typhoid fever. Thirty new cases were reported today and two more deaths occurred, bringing the total for the month up to 43. The estimates on the number of cases in the city range from 2,500 to 4,500. The blame of the epidemic is placed on the city water supply.

#### MEXICAN DESPERADOES KILLED BY RURALES

By Associated Press  
TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 29.—News was received today of a desperate battle four days ago between Mexican Rurales and a band of desperadoes near Altar, Sonora, Mexico. Four bandits, including the leader were killed and two captured. No Rurales were hurt. Many head of valuable cattle were recovered.

### NICARAGUA MAY EXTRACT WAR CONTRIBUTIONS

President Madriz Appoints Commission to  
Examine Into Accounts of Zelaya's Administration.

By Associated Press  
MANAGUA, Dec. 29.—The Nicaraguan congress met in an extraordinary session today and appointed a committee to consider the message from Minister General Baca who has asked the government to grant him power to exact war contributions at his own discretion. Madriz appointed an investigating committee of five which he charged with the responsibility of examining the accounts of Zelaya's administration. The finance minister was made chairman of the committee and the duties include working out a new system of finance revision from the various concessions of the government, and the determination of the legality of the recent act of the president revoking the grants

of alcohol, tobacco and other monopolies. The governments of Honduras and Costa Rica have formally acknowledged Madriz and expressed confidence and stability in his administration.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Doubting the sincerity of President Madriz who has made representations to the revolutionary army of Nicaragua, with the establishment of peace as the ostensible object in view, Estrada has declined to suspend hostilities, and is determined to push his army toward Managua, according to a dispatch from Estrada to Dr. Costillo, which the representative of the provisional government of Nicaragua received today.

#### MORSE MAY BEGIN NEW YEAR BEHIND BARS

By Associated Press  
NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Only a technical legal shadow stands between Charles W. Morse, banker, and one time ice king, and fifteen years' sentence in the federal prison at Atlanta. Judge Hough, in the United States circuit court today denied his motion for a new trial, but Martin W. Littleton, counsel, announced there was one more stand to be taken. Tomorrow he will ask for a writ of error. If this is denied, Morse will begin the new year serving a sentence for the violation of the national banking laws, the supreme court of the United States having previously refused to interfere in the case. Littleton's recent applications for a new trial for Morse were made on the ground the jury had been improperly guarded, and that some of the jurors had drunk to excess during the trial.

#### ASK NEVADA TO CONTRIBUTE TO FRISCO FAIR

By Associated Press  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—At the first meeting of the committee of 200, appointed to devise ways and means for the Panama-Pacific world's fair in 1915, held today, it was decided that all states west of the Rocky mountains, the territory of Hawaii and the counties of this state will be asked to nominate additional members of the ways and means committee. A committee was appointed to nominate a committee of thirty to take charge of the organization of the exposition.

E. P. Brinegar leaves for the east tomorrow as a representative of the committee of 200 on ways and means to interest the commercial bodies in the eastern cities in the proposed fair. He is the first representative of the committee sent to work up interest in the exposition.

#### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION ELECTS CHIVINGTON

By Associated Press  
CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Thomas M. Chivington was elected president of the American Baseball association over Joseph D. O'Brien at the annual meeting today. Chivington won on the first ballot by five votes.

**MURDERER CAPTURED.**  
By Associated Press  
TOLEDO, O., Dec. 29.—Joseph Mackley, 33 years old, who killed 18-year-old Caroline Hunt and shot her parents, Stephen Hunt and his wife, last night, was captured tonight.

#### MAN RESEMBLING COOK SEEN AT LONDON, ONT.

By Associated Press  
DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 29.—Specials from London, Ont., say a man closely resembling Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the explorer, passed through London today, en route to Detroit.

**BAD BOY HANGS HIMSELF.**  
By Associated Press  
TOLEDO, O., Dec. 29.—Sent to the cellar because he refused to get his mother a pail of water, Herman Miller, aged 14, son of John C. Miller, hanged himself today.

### Educators Say That Women Lack Team Work

By Associated Press  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Speaking from the padded, blood-stained floor of a prize ring erected for a fight which took place tonight, Dr. Luther Gulick addressed the second general session of the California Teachers' association convention. He declared that women lacked team work and co-operative combinations among themselves but were learning that organization would help them to ambitions. Gulick spoke on "What Play Means," going into the different way in which boys and girls are

taught to care for themselves. Luther Burbank was scheduled to speak but was unable to attend on account of illness. Dr. George Vincent spoke on "The New Duty of School." The meeting declared itself solidly in favor of the combination of all educational organizations in the State Educational council adopting the report of the committee appointed to look into the subject.

The election of Dr. Alexis F. Lange as president was announced at tonight's session.

#### MAY MODIFY LAWS ON JAP IMMIGRATION

By Associated Press  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Among the first of the official acts of Baron Uchida, the new Japanese ambassador, is said to be contemplation of a series of steps leading to a proposal to the United States for a modification of the Root-Takahara agreement which imposes limitations on the immigration of Japanese laborers to the United States.

Two-toned linings are seen on many of the tailored coats.  
advertise in the Daily Bonanza.

#### MAKES VOLUNTARY WAGE INCREASE

By Associated Press  
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29.—A voluntary increase in wages averaging from 2 1/2 to 5 cents per hour was announced today by H. E. Huntington, principal owner of the Pacific Electric railway, Los Angeles Railway and Redondo and Los Angeles railway. The increase becomes effective January 1 and affects 2,300 men.

Gold fiber tissue is considered smarter for guimps than net or tulle.

#### TROLLEY CAR SNOWBOUND FOR ENTIRE DAY

By Associated Press  
NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Five women passengers and the motorman and conductor on a trolley car of the New York and Long Island Traction company had the unpleasant experience of being imprisoned for nearly twenty-four hours in a snow drift on Long Island during the storm.

They were without food from early evening until late the next day. They were rescued by the police and sent to their homes last night.

Fortunately the power remained on and the heaters kept the cars warm.

#### CHARTER OF SOUTHERN PACIFIC IS AMENDED

By Associated Press  
LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 29.—The Southern Pacific company filed an amendment to its charter here today. It certified that of the \$76,000,000 of the preferred stock of the company heretofore authorized to be issued, and consisting of 760,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each, 744,518 shares have been converted into a similar number of shares of the common stock of the company, the remainder of the issue having been redeemed or canceled.

The laces of our grandmothers are in the height of fashion.

#### PIONEER OF SAN FRANCISCO IS SUMMONED

By Associated Press  
OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 29.—Geo. W. McNear, one of the founders of the San Francisco Merchants Exchange, head of a grain firm of San Francisco and a pioneer of California, died at his home in this city today. He was 72 years of age and death resulted from a protracted illness caused by spinal trouble. McNear was interested in many business ventures in and around Port Costa, and in numerous flour milling companies in the state.

#### CARRY NATION FILES APPEAL IN SMASHING CASE

By Associated Press  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Carrie Nation has appealed the case in which she was fined \$100 for smashing the bar at the Union Square some weeks ago, from the police courts to the district court of appeals. Her attorney has raised several constitutional questions, the principal one being that the prosecution should have been made in the name of the United States instead of the District of Columbia.

FRESNO, Dec. 29.—George Klumm, sent to jail for wife beating, was set to work this morning cleaning Courthouse park with a ball and chain attached to his ankle. The ball weighs 12 pounds.